

Rhythm & Reaction

The Age of Jazz in Britain

27th January 2018 – 22nd April 2018

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In partnership with [The Arts Society](#) we mark 100 years of jazz in the UK. *Rhythm & Reaction: The Age of Jazz in Britain* will explore the impact that jazz had on Britons from 1918.

Jazz provoked reactions ranging from devotion to abhorrence when the idea, and then the sound, of the music first entered the consciousness of the British public in the aftermath of the First World War. Visiting American groups such as the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and the Southern Syncopated Orchestra offered Britons their first chance to experience the music live.

Rhythm & Reaction: The Age of Jazz in Britain will highlight how the new jazz sound in post-War nightclubs and dancehalls provided exciting and dynamic material for British artists. Bold depictions of lively dancers by William Roberts and Frank Dobson, will be displayed alongside the Harlem-inspired paintings for which Edward Burra, one of Britain's foremost Modernist painters, was well-known.

The growing interest in jazz brought black and white musicians, artists and audiences together, and was crucial in influencing changes in British society, moving from stereotypes descended from the minstrel show to a more nuanced understanding of and interest in African American and black British culture.

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Opening hours

Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat: 10am – 4.30pm

Tues: **Closed**

Wed late: 10am – 9pm

Sun: 11am – 4.30pm

Café & Shop

Our café and shop are open to the public for the duration of our annual exhibition.

The exhibition brings together painting, prints, cartoons, textiles and ceramics, moving film, instruments and the all-important jazz sound, to explicitly examine the influence of jazz on British art, design and wider society.

Alongside the exhibition runs a complementary events series including tours, lectures, workshops, music events, children's activities and much more! For a full list of events, please see our [What's on](#) page.

Rhythm & Reaction: The Age of Jazz in Britain is produced by the Bulldog Trust in partnership with [The Arts Society](#) and draws on the richness of regional public collections including The National Jazz Archive; The Higgins Bedford; Leeds Art Gallery; Town Hall Museum and Art Gallery, Newark; and Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford.

The exhibition is curated by Catherine Tackley, Professor and Head of Music at the University of Liverpool and one of the UK's leading authorities on jazz.

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'This exhibition tells the story of the ever-popular jazz age in new ways, focussing on British depictions of jazz to understand what the music meant to artists, assessing the resultant image of jazz in the public sphere as well as considering how jazz was encountered in everyday, domestic environments.'

Professor Catherine Tackley

Related events



Architectural Tour
Two Temple Place
Sunday 4 February 2018
10:30am – 11:30am

Take your place on an exclusive private tour of Two Temple Place and discover the fascinating history



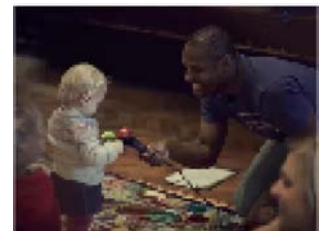
Tomorrow's Warriors Quartet
Wednesday Late Music
Wednesday 7 February 2018
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Join us at Two Temple Place for one of our special Wednesday Late openings until 9pm. Visit the show,



Walk. Talk. Do
Half-Term Activities
Saturday 10 February 2018
11:00am – 12:30pm

From pianos without players to a drum kit that lays eggs – join a family tour to think, talk, draw, play



Jazz for Juniors
Half-Term Activities
Sunday 11 February 2018
10:30am – 11:15am

Led by singer and founder Ruby Barker with live jazz accompaniment this fun interactive

behind one of London's most eccentric buildings and its stunning ornamentation. The tour... £10

enjoy a jazz-inspired cocktail at our bar (open until 8pm) and tonight,... FREE

and explore the secrets of exhibition. £3 per child,... £3

workshop blends jazz standards, original tunes and nursery rhymes to the delight of juniors, parents and... £5

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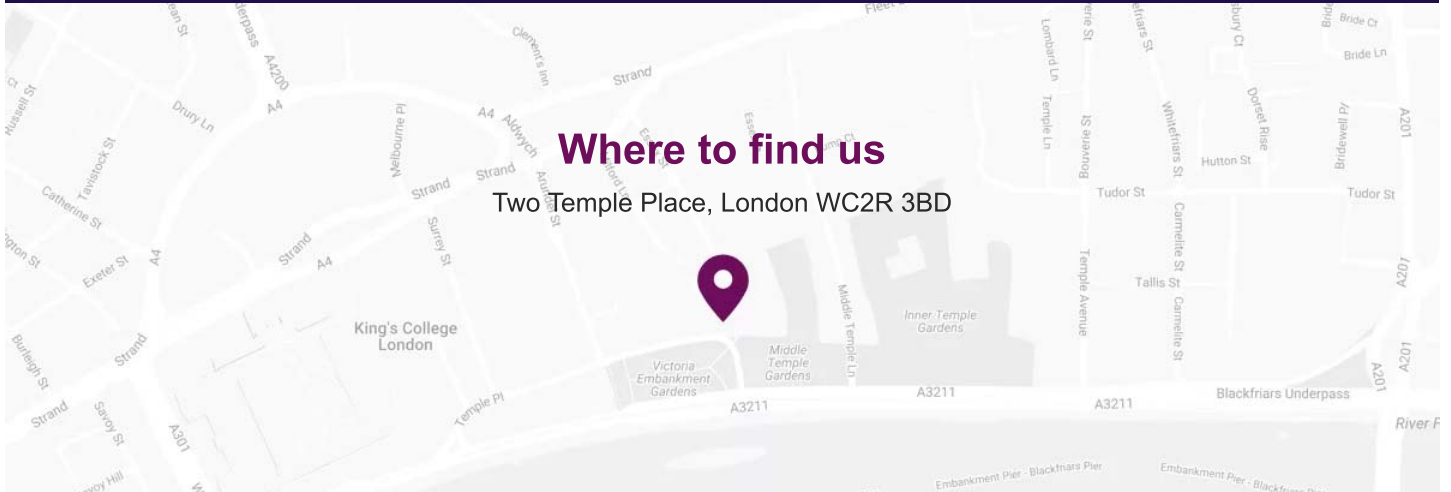
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